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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the most recent USPTO communication entitled, "Notice of Noncompliant Amendment", and pursuant to a telephone conversation with Ms. Stephanie Bryce, the amendment is re-submitted herewith having the withdrawn claims 44-49 written out.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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